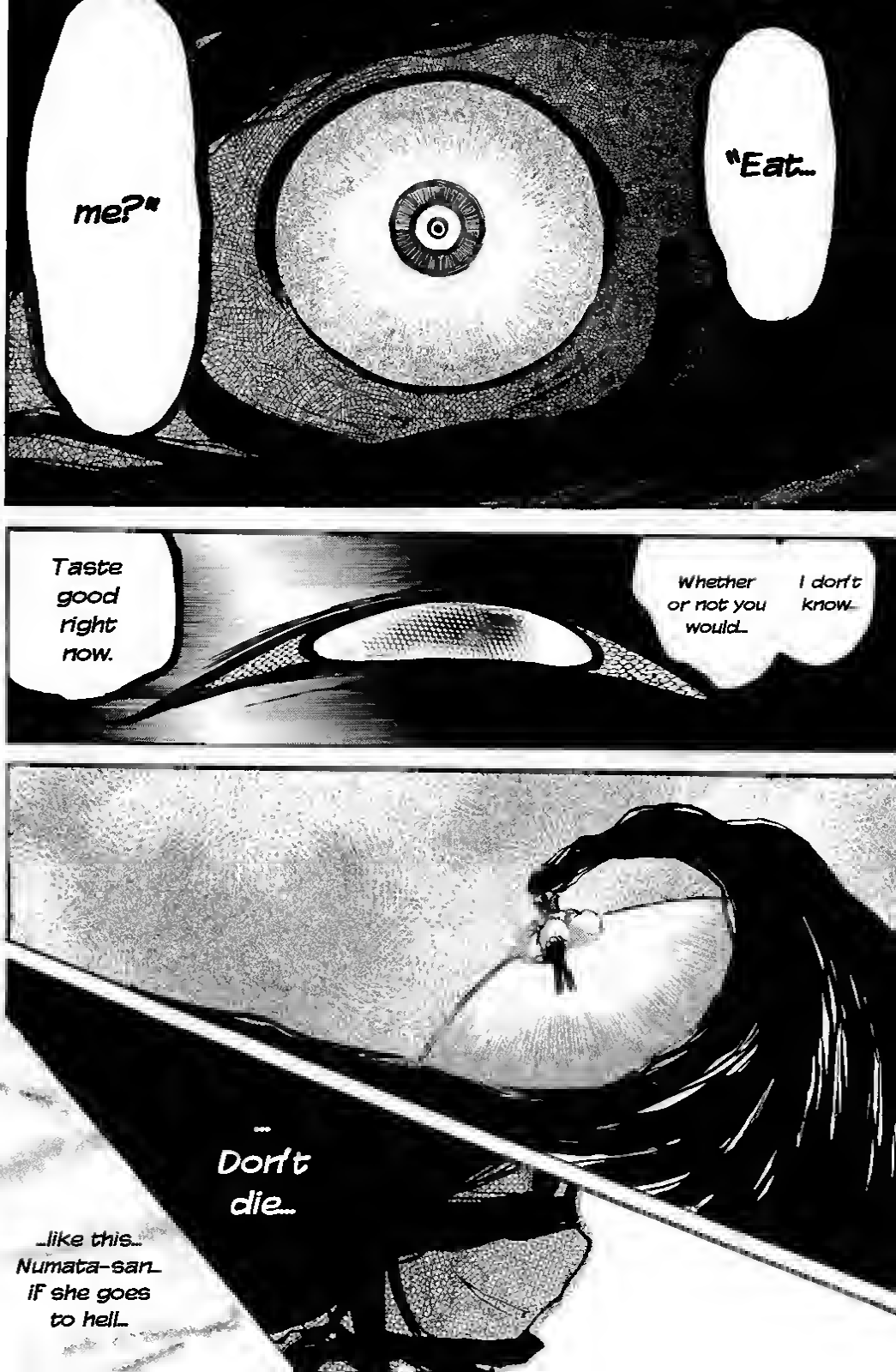

-so-
You'll get your peaceful happy ending_
I wonder if_
が…
Nono-miya-kuuun!
お…
おっ…
第9話
Ah_
Aah-
Higan-bana-san_
Do_ you still_
Want to eat me_?
If so_
Now might be_


"Eat...
me?"
Taste good right now.
Whether or not you would...
I don't know.
...
Don't die...
...like this... Numata-san... if she goes to hell...


Youko couldn't.
so...
It's Fun!!
It's Fun!
And yet...
It's Fun!
And yet...
No one plays with me...
I'm always so lonely by myself in the infirmary.
You want to go to the cold, lonely place that no one comes back from...
Hehehe Nonomiya-kun, you really are an interesting person...
You will become my doll!!
Until you've grown senile forever in the darkness.
I'll always play with you!
My doll!!
AIIEEE!

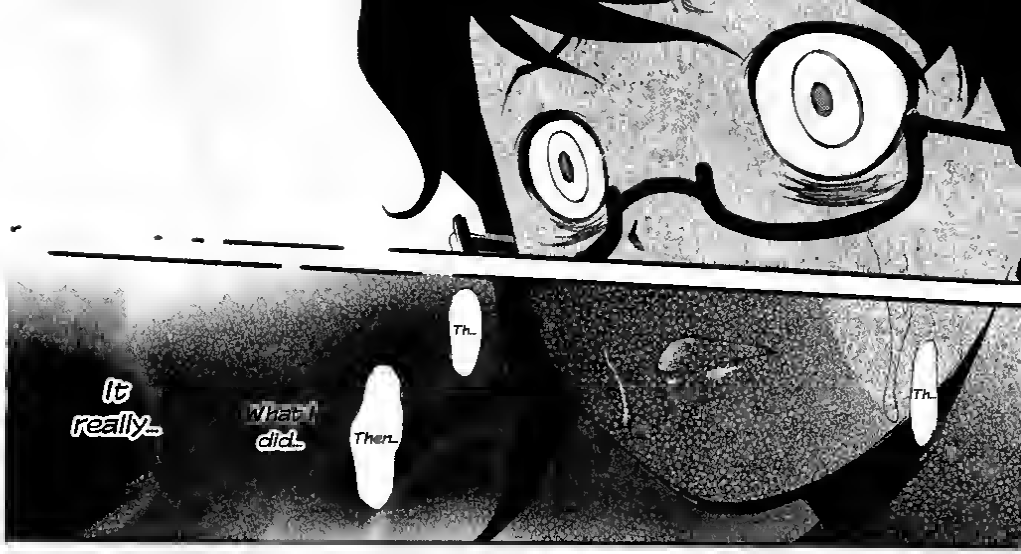

It's been a while.
Hey -
Huh?
Marie.


I said it's been a while.
Hehehe
What's wrong?
You got buzzed out.
Moriya...
Marie...!?
Ma-rie...
Marie...

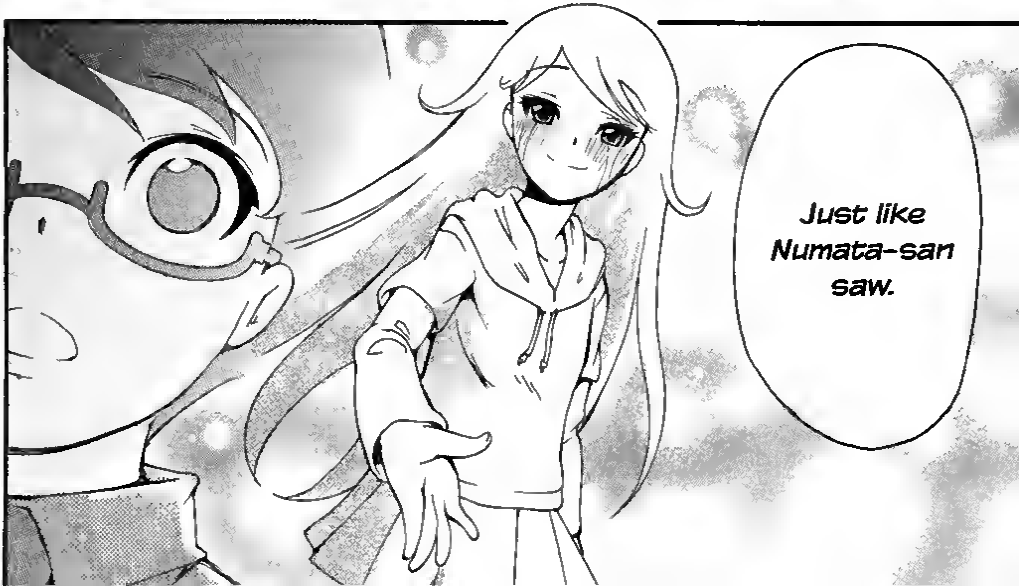

Was just granted an opportunity.
Nothing is ever resolved.
A lot of schools have endless cycles of bullying.
So I...
In the midst of it all, these two changed that.
So our turn is up.
He he he.
Is that right?
These two have solved their problem.


You're just like you were that time.
That... time...?
You're... right.
I was so thankful to you then.
As I died, I understood what it felt like to be a dead person.
You snicker at the feelings of the dead.
And you took your time playing with...
But that was a mis-take!
My death -
And Numata-san's too!!
Hey, what does that mean?
You must have a reason for being so upset...


I need to..
Mori-ya-san!!
I..
I..
Your..
Mother..
I..
I need to tell her!!
That's it.. That's it!!
I reminded Moriya Marie's mother!!
Or is it your mother?
So..
She's completely Forgotten.
It's okay.
Mr Principal took care of it.


It really...
What I did...
Then...
Th...
Th...


Just like...
Could destroy someone's hatred.
That power...
About "Forgetting"...
It's a very cruel thing, but...
Nonomiya-kun...


Just like Numata-san saw.


There are things I can do!!
I really should have vanished...
However...
Because of this...
Now I... can remain in this form.
Ahahaha!
What? Things you can do!?
All you've done is strangled Kanamori to death so calmly on the bathroom floor.
Until now.
So now what can you do? Huh?
Tell me, Marie-chan!!
You really do just snicker at the misfortunes of others.
People like you...
Are what I devour!


Hehe
He
he
he
He
he
He
he
After all, you haven't played with me...
in a while!
I'll surrender to this boring kind of hunting.
And..
And..
Let's dance then.
Marie!


Let's
Plaaa
a
a
a
a
ay!!
So!
You too have sinned, Marie!


You really are School Youkai Rank B.
Hehehe in that condition..
When..
will we continue to dance..
I wonder!?
Mo- Moriya-kun!!


Shit!
is hard.
The-
ground-
Strength of your pride as it is...
The...
What're you planning, Marie?
Hold on.


What the hell!?
Ahhh
Good Marie!!
Your body...
Is just so squishy
Very good!
Marie's body...
A ha ha
Dancing is easy!!
Ha ha ha ha
Is a soaring stage
She really is...


踊る彼岸花…!!
The Dancing Higan-bana!!


Hey Marie, is that it?
Moriya-san! Moriya-san!
I guess that took care of my boredom...
I wonder if it made up for your crimes, though...
So...
quietly...
here...
leave...
IN YOUR INFIRMARY.
AND I'LL GO PLAY WITH YOU


Let's have daifuku too!
Ufufufufu That's the perfect tea party
Please serve some tea!
So..
On top of that..
Is that supposed to atone for your sins?
Ufufufu What was that?
It can't be helped.
Mori ya.. sa..
Nonomiya-kun's red blood in our cups would be just as refreshing?
Though I wonder if..
DOESN'T EVER LISTEN!
Like always..
I'M AFRAID HIGANBANA-SAN
Hey..!


ナル
キャ!
ドテ
ッ!
WAH...
UFUFUFUFUFUFU
This is_
The hallway in my house!?


Whaaaatt? Beyond that thin pale door...
That is... School Youkai Rank 3, "The Dancing Higanbana."
Will she devour you?
YES.
SCHOOL YOUKAI RANK 8, "MESOMESO" MARIE WILL DEVOUR HIGAN-BANA-SAN!
IF...
YOU...
COULD...
...


WOULD
YOU
LISTEN
TO
MY
TRAGIC
TALE?


SHE HAS A KNACK FOR CRUNCHING UP BODIES
AND KILLING.
She was able to become the school's eighth wonder...!
I see...! I know that story...!!
The school youkai that inhabits the old building's bathroom, always crying "meso meso!"
"Mesomeso-san" is standing in front of the door, asking a question...
IF I OPEN IT, THAT'S THE END!!!
But I can never answer her...! I can't open the door...!!
"MESO-MESO-SAN"!!!


really so..?
But is that..
I want to find out..
If I opened the door, what would really happen?
Ufu ♡
Fufu..
Ufufu..

開ケラレナイー!!!
YOU CAN'T OPEN IT!!!
「踊る彼岸花」トイエドトテモトテモ!!!
"THE DANCING HIGANBANA" SIMPLY CAN NOT!!!

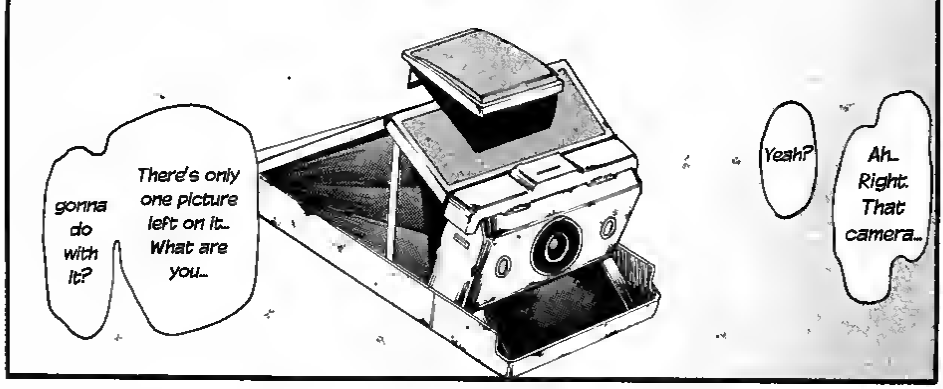

I NEED TO...!!
I need to...
turn this doorknob...!
Ah...
I'M AFRAID THAT NO ONE COULD SNATCH THAT POSITION AS "MESOMESO-SAN"!!
You've broken the rules...
Listen to my words...
THE EIGHTH-RANKED YOUKAI CAN'T WIN!
Higanbana-san...
THIS ISN'T THE MARIE I KNOW...
SO...
SO...
I WANT TO PRY IT OPEN!
AAAH
OPEN THIS
DOOR
RIGHT NOW!
YOU SHIVERING THING!!!
I'LL FORCE DOWN THE DOOR!!


I LIKE YOU, MARIE!!
What's this feeling...?
I LOOOVE YOOUU !!!
I was reeeeaaally glad that you became my friend!!
HIGAN-BANA-SAN.
I REALLY LIKE YOU TOO,


So today, let's return... The school youkai..
BELONG AT THE SCHOOL.
Who would look after that depressing smelly place?
Oh well, I guess that's how it is. It's been a long time since we played to your heart's content on that stage.
Aaah, that's it!
You're my only friend, Marie!
Soon you'll be waiting,
so come here!
COME HERE!
YOU HAVE TO COME HERE!
HA
HA
HA


so she shouldn't make another pass at you.
She's quite fickle.
It's all right.
Fweh
Higanbana-san's gone back to the school.


Th-
I'll be heading off too, then.
Thank you so much.
It- was nothing.
If Numata-san saw to breaking the cycle of resentment-
I would have liked to see that courage in you-
Life and death are a constant struggle, but-
you two met and forgave each other.
Yeah-

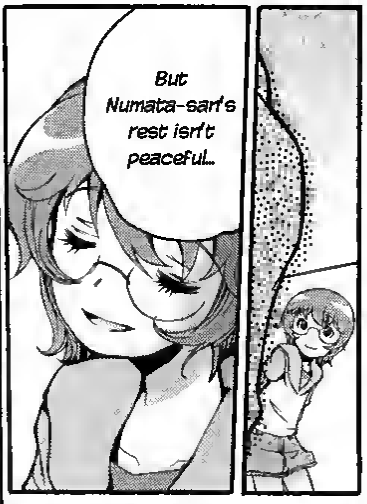

Ah... Right. That camera...
Yeah?
There's only one picture left on it... What are you...
gonna do with it?


Just twice!
I won't disturb Numata-san's rest for any reason!


It belongs to the school youkai. Perhaps returning it would be best?
今度 開いて おきますー
Pl... please!

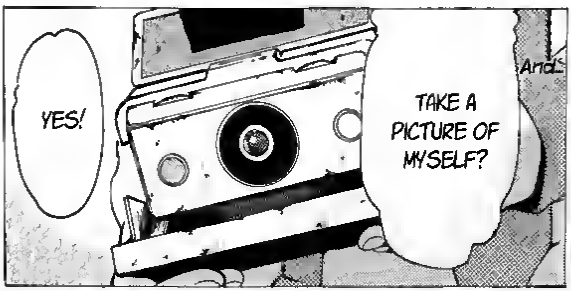

I will never...
ever use this camera!


She has become peaceful.
Yeah, but don't think about it.
You're...
probably right...


But Numata-san's rest isn't peaceful...


AS A SCHOOL YOUKAI,
I DECLARE IT!
Aaah… You're thinking uh…
No… No, that's…
Well then…
LASTLY…




YES!
TAKE A PICTURE OF MYSELF?
And...


In front of the bathroom mirror, if you take one picture, it'll be okay...
Moriya-san said to...


PLEASE...
NOTHING SCARY WILL SHOW UP...
It'll be fine!
B... BUT...

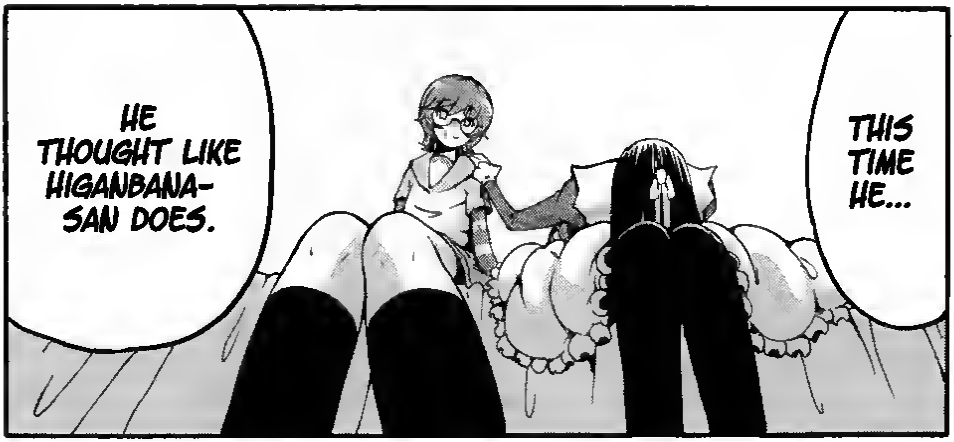

YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.
I'M CERTAIN.
I trust her...!
All right!
che-
Moriya-san said to...
ナニ
-ESE!

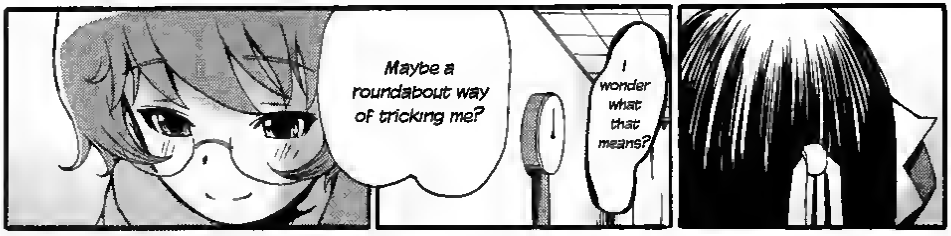

Hey, Nonomiya!
What're you lookin' at, huh?
Is it the girl you like, or...
Ah...
HEY!
What...
Nonomiya-kun...!?
No- No- No- No- No-
Ha ha ha ha.
That's not it, club president.

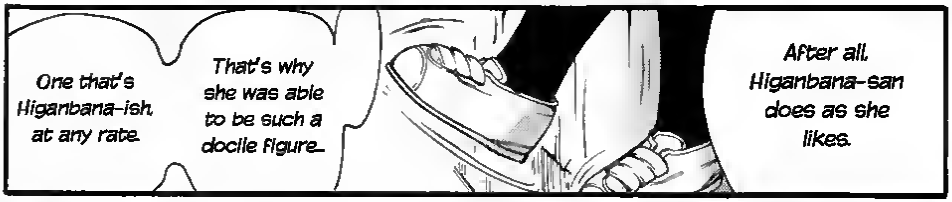

That kid is...
just a friend.



*E/N: This bubble was left untranslated, so I filled it in with something appropriate.


THIS TIME HE...
HE THOUGHT LIKE HIGANBANA-SAN DOES.


I wonder what that means?
Maybe a roundabout way of tricking me?

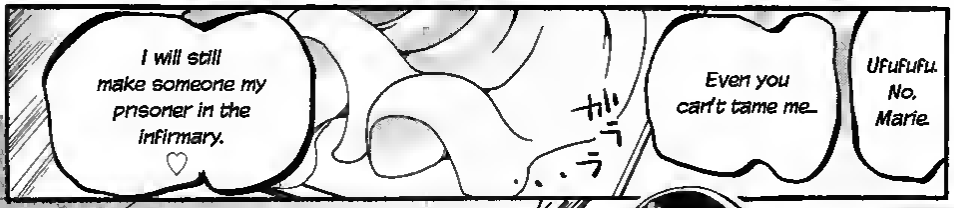

After all, Higanbana-san does as she likes.
That's why she was able to be such a docile figure...
One that's Higanbana-ish, at any rate.


YES!
♡


What? That cold, cruel, unparalleled "Dancing Higanbana" is cuuuuuuute?


IT'S CUTE!
♡


I was going to play with you...
Ah!
Hey!
Right! I wonder who the next kid to show up will be...?


I will still make someone my prisoner in the infirmary.
Even you can't tame me...
Ufufufu. No, Marie.


the school infirmary's Dancing Higanbana.
And that's because I am...


but you shouldn't put it in green tea.
Ufufufu. You put it in black tea.
Uh-
That's it, Marie. Could you hand me the sugar?

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